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SUBJECT: TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON LETTER TO GOK FINANCE

MINISTER ATEEQI

1. IF EMBASSY FORESEES NO OBJECTION, SECRETARY SIMON
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TRANSMITTING FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO MINISTER OF FINANCE ATEEQI: QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE LAST JULY WHEN I HAD THE
PLEASURE AND ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE OF TALKING WITH YOU.
IN THE MEANTIME MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE FIELD OF
FINANCE AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE MOST
BENEFICIAL FOR US TO HAVE NEW CONVERSATIONS ON A MINISTER
OF FINANCE TO MINISTER OF FINANCE BASIS. IN ADDITION,
IT WOULD GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU SPEND AN
EVENING WITH ME IN MY HOME IN ORDER THAT WE MAY CARRY
FORWARD THE MOST ENJOYABLE CONVERSATIONS WE HAD LAST
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YEAR IN YOUR POOL AND SAUNA.

IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY YOU WOULD HAVE TIME TO SPEND
SEVERAL DAYS IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH OR EARLY APRIL?
UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE TO LEAVE ABOUT APRIL 7 FOR A LONG
VISIT IN ASIA, BUT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRY TO REARRANGE
MY SCHEDULE TO FIT YOURS PRIOR TO THAT TIME. AS ONE
SPECIFIC SUGGESTION, WOULD YOU BE ABLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO
SPEND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 AND THURSDAY, APRIL 3 HERE?

OF COURSE, WHILE YOU ARE IN THE UNITED STATES, I AM
SURE THERE WOULD BE MANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN
NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE WHICH WOULD ALSO BE DELIGHTED
TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IF YOU HAD
THE TIME. AND WHILE YOU ARE IN WASHINGTON, I WOULD
LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR YOU TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH A NUMBER
OF OFFICIALS BOTH IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND IN THE
CONGRESS.

I HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT. SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM E. SIMON
END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE REPORT DELIVERY OF SECRETARY SIMON'S LETTER. INGERSOLL

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